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City Announces Finalists for Director of Planning and Community Development

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (February, 2016) The City of Bainbridge Island announces the following five finalists for the position of Director of Planning and Community Development:

Patricia Charnas

Patty Charnas brings over 25 years of public and private sector experience in the areas of strategic and long-range comprehensive growth management, shoreline and environmental planning and development permitting. She currently serves as Kitsap County's Division Manager of Planning and Environmental Programs, and was previously that County's Senior Planner in Land Use and Environmental Planning.

Gary Christensen, AICP

Gary Christensen has 30 years of public sector planning and development experience in the Pacific Northwest. He is currently the Administrator/Manager of Skagit County Planning and Development Services. His experience is varied and includes substantial involvement in regional planning, growth management, public policy and economic development.

Hal Hart, AICP

Hal Hart is currently the City of Anchorage, Alaska Planning Director. Mr. Hart's experience also includes serving the City of Juneau as the Director of Community Development, and serving the City of Woodinville, Washington as the Development Services Director. His experience includes over 20 years of work in the areas of city and county planning, and economic and community development.

Jacqueline Reid, AICP

Jacqueline Reid's background spans over 20 years of experience in both the Puget Sound area and the United Kingdom. Currently the Long Range Planning Division Supervisor for Snohomish County, her experience includes major work in the areas of regional and local land use planning, resource management and grant development.

David Sherrard, AICP

David Sherrard is currently employed as a Senior Project Manager by Parametrix, a Seattle-based engineering, planning and environmental sciences consultancy. Prior to his current employment, David

worked for the City of Bellevue, Washington 1983 to 2000, most recently in the role of Senior Planner. His 35 years of planning experience includes local land use planning and project review, Comprehensive Plan updates and development of Shoreline Master Programs.

Each finalist will participate in a two day interview process on February 22 and 23. The public is invited to a meet and greet from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 pm. on Monday, February 22 at the Waterfront Park Community Center. Each candidate will give a short presentation of their professional background and achievements. Community members will have the opportunity to informally engage with the finalists following their presentations. On Tuesday, February 23, candidates will participate in three different interview panels. At the completion of the process, the City Manager will use all of the information gathered to make a final hiring decision.

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